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Sri A. GOVINDASAMY : இன்றைய தினம் ஒத்தி வைக்கப்பட்ட கேள்வி எண் 2237 இந்த செஷனிலேயே வருமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the Hon. Leader of the House agrees I have no objection to include it in the list of questions for one of these days.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Hon. Minister for local Administration is likely to be here tomorrow or the day after.

Sri K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஏறத்தாழ ஒரு திங்கள் முன்பு சில அவசரக் கேள்விகள் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன்; வேறு சில கேள்விகள் அமைச்சருக்கு நேரிடையாகவும் அளித்தேன். அவற்றைப்பற்றி எந்த சேதியும் தெரியவில்லை. அவசரக் கேள்வியாகக் கொடுத்ததன் நோக்கமே, அவை உடனடியாக வர வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக. அது சம்மந்தமாக தங்கள் விளக்கம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :If the hon. Member wants any more information he can come to my Chamber. I cannot answer his questions now from the Chair. The hon. Member should not put questions to the Chair. That is what I have told already.

III. ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* THE OMISSION OF THE ELECTION SYMBOL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA IN A DOCUMENTARY FILM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri V. K. Kothandaraman to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the deliberate discrimination shown by omitting the election symbol of the Communist Party of India in the documentary film on 'How to Vote in the General Elections' and the resultant misapprehensions among the people.

The responsibility of this Government is not involved in this matter. So I do not give my consent to raise the adjournment motion.

(Sri V. K. Kothandaraman rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am not going to allow any further discussion on this matter. I want the hon. Member to resume his seat.

The hon. Member Sri V. K. Kothandaraman resumed his seat

IV. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEAD SLUICE ON THE MARAIKA—KORAIYAR.

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : I want to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz. the failure of the Public Works Department authorities to complete in time the construction of the head sluice on

the right bank of Maraika Koraiyar, Thiruthuraipundi taluk, Thanjavur district, for regulating water-supply, provision of drainage by syphon arrangements and the consequential damage to paddy crop, etc.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I should like to inform the hon. Member the construction of a head sluice is on the left bank of Maraika-Koraiyar and not on the right bank of the river as mentioned by the hon. Member. The head sluice, cross drainage works, etc., are covered by an estimate for Rs. 60,000 approved by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme in October 1958. The construction of the head sluice has since been completed except for providing screw gearing shutters. In order to supply-water to the ayacut of 650 acres contemplated under the scheme, supply is being allowed through a temporary pipe sluice. There has been no dearth of supply to the ayacut. 9-30 a.m.

As regards the cross-masonry work, the drainage syphon has not been completed but a temporary pipe of suitable size has been fixed to dispose of the drainage and this functions well. There has been no submersion. The Superintending Engineer is being asked by the Chief Engineer to push through the remaining works and complete them as early as possible.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(2)—BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following Bills have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendments :—

1. Madras Catering Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 40 of 1961).

2. Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) (Amendment) Bill, 1961. (L.A. Bill No. 41 of 1961).

3. Madras Hill Stations (Preservation of Trees) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 53 of 1961).

4. Madras General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1961).

I fix 1 p.m. on 12th December 1961, as the last hour and date for the receipt, if any, of cut motions to Demands for Advance Grants during the year 1962–63 and Demands for further Grants during the year 1961–62.

V. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : Sir, I present the fourteenth Report (Second Assembly) of the Committee on Estimates on the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the report of Agricultural Machinery.